the Staff Selection Board for such an appointment, no appointment was given to him. I want to know the reason why at least one member of the depressed classes was not recommended or appointed."

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—"The Staff Selection Board does not appoint any people but merely recommends that the persons selected are qualified for the appointment."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi :—"The point is this. If a member of the depressed classes was recommended, why was he not given preference over others?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—"All I can say is that, I presume, there were better qualified people who were given preference."

Mr. M. Gangarazu :—"How was it that nobody from the Arya-Vysya community was appointed as sub-inspector of police?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—"It is not possible to give an appointment to everybody."

Sriman Sasibhushan Rath Mahasayo :—"Does the process of elimination affect the Brahmans more than the non-Brahmans?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—"The hon. Member's arithmetic seems to be correct."

Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar :—"Why in the compilation branch of the Finance Department no member of any other community except that of Brahmans was selected? Am I to take it that the Staff Selection Board recommended only the applications of Brahmans and not those of any other community? Am I to understand that the Staff Selection Board did not get sufficiently qualified men from other communities?"

The hon. Mr. T. E. Moir :—"Presumably, Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar :—"Have the Staff Selection Board grown so autocratic?"

Rai Bahadur T. M. Narasimhacharlu :—"Is it because that it was difficult to get more number of non-Brahman applicants for such a hard work? There were only a small number of applicants of that community, only about five or so."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi :—"It is because the concerned appointment belonged to clerical side?"

Constitution of Districts, Divisions and Taluks.

Regrouping revenue divisions in Nellore district.

*387 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there are under consideration any and if so what proposals for the regrouping of the revenue divisions or taluks in the Nellore district?

A.—The following proposals for the redistribution of revenue divisions and taluks in the Nellore district are under the consideration of Government :—

(i) to transfer the independent Deputy Tahsildar divisions of Podili and Darsi from the Nellore to the Guntur district and to include them in the Ongole revenue division ; and
(ii) to abolish the Kavali revenue division by adding the Kavali taluk to the Kandukur revenue division and the Kovvur taluk to the Nellore (headquarters) revenue division.

These proposals were published in the *Nellore District Gazette*, dated 1st December 1924, for public criticism.

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" May I know what further action was taken or orders were passed on the subject ?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" No orders have been passed."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" May I know whether an opportunity will be given to this House to discuss this subject before final orders are passed ? No one knows what orders will be passed. So before the orders are passed, will it be possible for the Government to publish the draft proposals ?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" As will be seen from the notification, it was published in last December ; no communication has been received from any Member of this Council on the subject."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" May I know whether representations were not received from persons who were affected and considered by Government ? Is it not a fact that the Board of Revenue has also considered these representations ? Another point is that a member of the Board of Revenue recently held a conference with some District Collectors."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" What the hon. Member says is very probable. But we have no information. The Government have received no representations."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" Before final orders are passed regarding this question, an opportunity should be given to the persons concerned to state their case."

Bifurcation scheme in Kistna district.

*388 *Q.*—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations were made by the villagers of Potavaram, Yernagudam taluk, West Godavari district, requesting to include the said village in Tadepalligudam taluk in the bifurcation scheme ; and if so, what orders were passed thereon ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any report from the Collector, West Godavari, regarding the headquarters of the district, and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to publish the same to ascertain public opinion therein before final orders are passed ?